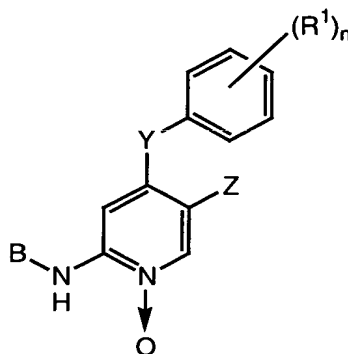


ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to 2,4-disubstituted pyridine-N-oxide compounds of formula (I):

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or stereoisomeric forms, stereoisomeric mixtures, or
pharmaceutically acceptable salt forms thereof, which are
10 useful as inhibitors of HIV reverse transcriptase, and to
pharmaceutical compositions and diagnostic kits
comprising the same, and methods of using the same for
treating viral infection or as an assay standard or
reagent.

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